

# IARR DAILY CREW REPORT

## Tampa Module #2

DATE: 08/16/2015, Sunday TIME 15:00 hours, pdt WORK DAY# 13

PERSON REPORTING: Name of IARR: DAN BELANGER, phone: 828-231-1529 – located in Willow Creek, CA.  
Name of IARR(t): PETE IRVINE, phone: 304-676-6000 – located in Hayfork, CA.

### CREW NAME & NUMBER (FIRST SHIFT DAY = Tuesday, August 4, 2015)

Crew#	Crew	Local Reference	CRWB	Phone	Assignment
C-24	T2IA-PRMA-#3	PR-MA#3	Gabriel Gutierrez		Fork Complex
C-29	T2IA-FLST-#2	FL-ST#2	Ed Vuolo		Fork Complex
C-30	T2IA-GAMA-#1	GA-MA#1	Micah Thorning		Fork Complex
C-44	T2IA-GAST-#2	GA-ST#2	Chris Buchanan		River Complex
C-45	T2IA-FLMA-#1	FL-MA#1	Alan Kirby		River Complex

### LOCATION & ASSIGNMENT OF CREWS

#### Fork Complex – CA-SHF-002067

STATE: California

ICP is located in Hayfork, CA, at the Trinity County Fairgrounds, approximately 65 miles west of Redding, CA. The Fork Complex began as more than 40 lightning-caused fires on the Hayfork Ranger District of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest on July 30 and 31. The complex now consists of five major ongoing fires – Barker, Peak, Rail, Shiell, and Blue. A California Type 1 IMT (Team #1, IC Jerry McGowan) is managing the Fork Complex in unified command with CalFire (IC Ron Bravo). All three crews assigned to this fire complex continued to work productively and safely yesterday.

PR-MA#3 and FL-ST#2 are assigned to day shift in Division P, mopping up 150' in from the fireline, patrolling sections of the fireline where mopup is complete, and providing point protection to structures in the Tule Creek area.

GA-MA#1 continues as part of the Firing Group, operating in several divisions. Last night, conditions were not conducive to firing operations, and the crew mopped up a section of the fireline. The Firing Group is now on night shift, coming on duty at 18:00 hours (6:00 pm) and coming off the fireline after 06:00 hours in the morning. The crew is no longer in the yurt, but is sleeping in air-conditions MSU (Mobile Sleeping Units).

Crew#	Crew	Fire	Acres	Division	START Shift	END Shift	Cell Service
C-24	PR-MA#3	Fork Complex	32,698	P, Br IV	ICP-Hayfork	ICP-Hayfork	Spotty
C-29	FL-ST#2	Fork Complex	32,698	P, Br IV	ICP-Hayfork	ICP-Hayfork	Spotty
C-30	GA-MA#1	Fork Complex	32,698	Firing Group	ICP-Hayfork	ICP-Hayfork	Spotty

#### 2015 River Complex – CA-SHF-002066

STATE: California

ICP is located in Willow Creek, CA, approximately 105 miles west of Redding, CA. The River Complex started on 7/30/2015 and was comprised of four lightning-caused fires burning on the Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests. All four fires have now merged together and are now one fire, called the Groves Fire. The Groves Fire has increased to 37,165 acres and is still only 18% contained. The primary fuel types for this fire are large timber with a mix of tall grass and understory. There are 699 personnel assigned to this fire with a reduction of personnel due to resources timing out and a lack of national resources available to fill outstanding orders. Great Basin Type 1 IMT Team #2 (IC Chris Ourada) is managing this fire. The ICP is located at Veterans Park about 1 mile north of Willow Creek.

Today the FL-MA#1 and GA-ST#2 will remain working in Branch 1, Division A/D, working on securing, improving and mopping up containment lines from Drop Point 1 working north to the division break.

Crew#	Crew	Fire	Acres	Division	START Shift	END Shift	Cell Service
C-44	GA-ST#2	River Complex	37,165	Branch I Div. A/D	ICP-River Complex	ICP-River Complex	Y
C-45	FL-MA#1	River Complex	37,165	Branch I Div. A/D	ICP-River Complex	ICP-River Complex	Y

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#### MORALE OF CREWS:

Morale of all crews continues to be very good. Crews recognize that they are involved in priority firefighting efforts, and are committed to finishing their detail strong, with only 2 work shifts remaining. The crews on the Fork Complex have each received at least one rating, and their work is recognized and appreciated by their fireline supervisors.

#### INJURIES:

No injuries to report.

#### MESSAGE:

The National Preparedness Level remains at Level 5, the most severe category. There are currently 106 uncontained large fires burning in the nation, including 30 in northern California.

The IARRs continue to prepare for the demobilization of the 5 crews. Monday 8/17 is the final work day for all crews. Expectations are that the 5 crews will demobe from their incident assignments on Tuesday 8/18 and travel to Redding, CA. Air travel from Redding to Tampa via the NIFC contract jet (Boeing 737) is expected on Wednesday 8/19. Most resources are expected to arrive at their home units on Thursday 8/20.

#### Fork Complex

The Fork Complex is now 32,698 acres, 42% containment, with 2,470 personnel assigned. The weather today remains hot and dry. High temperature will reach 96 degrees, and humidity will be 12-18%. Winds remain relatively low, 4-8 mph from the northeast, then switching to the west-northwest.

Management transition is complete, with a new CalFire IC, and CIIMT Team #1 in unified command managing firefighting efforts on the Fork Complex. Last night's public meeting in Hayfork was attended by 42 local residents, and viewed online by more than 70 people. Local school starts on Wednesday 8/19, and efforts are underway to scale back current road closures to allow passage of school buses by that time. Fire managers are adapting their strategy and tactics to account for some future downsizing in the Fork Complex firefighting force as current resources time out and are demobed. Available replacement crews, engines, dozers, water tenders and helicopters are being sent to higher priority fires in the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies areas.

Within the Fork Complex, the Barker and Blue Fires are in very good shape at 3,272 acres and 2,825 acres, respectively, with secure fire perimeters, and are in monitor and patrol status. The Peak (6,200 ac), Rail (8,458 ac), and Shiell (11,850 ac) Fires have essentially burned together to form one large fire with several priority work areas. To date, 8 residences and 4 other buildings have been destroyed by the fires in the complex. Several evacuations, road closures, and area closures remain in effect.

#### River Complex:

GA-ST#2 and FL-MA#1 continue to make good progress on Branch I, Division A/D of the River Complex mostly working on mopping up, pulling hose lay, and improving containment lines.

With very limited line resources available, the overall objective of this incident is to utilize a combination of direct fireline construction, indirect fireline construction, and point protection. A key element of the plan is flexibility and the ability to apply the right resource to the appropriate task at hand and ensuring the task be accomplished in a safe manner.

Today's forecast calls for a thick inversion of smoke until 15:00 hours then sunny skies will prevail for the remainder of the day. Temperatures will be in the mid 90's today along Branch 1, Division A/D. Winds will remain light from 4-8 mph with gusts to 10 mph from the northwest.

*Notes on Abbreviations: pdt = pacific daylight time.*

*PR = Puerto Rico, FL = Florida, GA = Georgia. IMT = Incident Management Team.*

*MA = Multi-Agency, ST = State. CIIMT = California Interagency Incident Management Team.*

*IC = Incident Commander ICP = Incident Command Post.*

*CRWB = Crew Boss, IARR = Interagency Resource Representative.*

*NIFC = National Interagency Fire Center*

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